

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**  
Alexandria Division

DAVID P. DONOVAN,

Plaintiff,

v.

BETH A. WILKINSON,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-1344

**Sealed Reply to David Donovan's Response In Opposition To Praecipe**

In his response in opposition to Mr. Wilkinson's praecipe, Mr. Donovan attached an incomplete email record of the parties' meet and confer prior to the filing of the praecipe. In particular, he attached, as Exhibit 2 to his response, email correspondence showing his and the Team's objections to the praecipe, but omitting the responses sent by Ms. Wilkinson's counsel prior to their filing of the praecipe. While Ms. Wilkinson does not see the utility in Mr. Donovan's and the Team's practice of attaching email correspondence between counsel to their pleadings, to the extent those emails are of use to the Court, it should have the full correspondence. We therefore attach that correspondence as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2 to this reply.

Dated: June 10, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Wilkinson

By: /s/ Thomas G. Connolly

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this date, I caused a true copy of this document to be served via ECF and by email on all parties.

Dated: June 10, 2021

/s/ Thomas G. Connolly  
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## **EXHIBIT 1**

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**Cc:** [Tom Mason](#); "[Lela.Ames@wbd-us.com](#)"  
**Subject:** RE: 2021-05-28 - Motion to substitute exhibit (ks edit) (002).docx  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:00:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [2021-06-02 Dkt 215 Praeipce re Ex W6.pdf](#)  
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[image009.png](#)

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All – please find attached the praecipe, as filed. Also, I mistakenly noted below the date [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].

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Stuart,

Ms. Wilkinson is not now [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The Team may prefer that Ms. Wilkinson had not taken [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] But that is immaterial to the issue here: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Jared

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 11:45 AM  
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[REDACTED]  
Jared, et al.:

I join Ms. Hinger in objecting to your [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I also join Ms. Hinger in her opposition to your filing [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I reiterate my objection, raised earlier this morning, that the filing of this pleading [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Finally, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

If you are committed to going forward with your pleading notwithstanding all of the above, we continue to expect the filing to be under seal.

Regards,

Stuart

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Jared – I did not consent to you filing a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Best Regards,  
Cathy Hinger

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[REDACTED]

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Tom:

Mr. Donovan opposes the substance of the motion to substitute. [REDACTED]

As with the Team though, we will not oppose your motion to file this under seal.

Best Regards,  
Cathy Hinger

**Cathy Hinger**  
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Tom:

We oppose the motion.

Moreover, as attorneys for the Team we object, [REDACTED]

Putting all that to one side, however, the Donovan v. Wilkinson case has now been dismissed. The only remaining issue is what portion of the case will be unsealed, and thus there is no remaining issue upon which [REDACTED]

Finally, I have been made aware that [REDACTED]

To the extent that you are intent on going forward with this motion over our objection, we agree that the filing should be under seal.

Regards,

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Thanks,

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Cathy,

We changed our motion to a praecipe as a matter of comity, given the Team's objection to us submitting the [REDACTED] to the Court. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

On the issue of sealing, we presumed that [REDACTED]

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